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IN RE APPLICATION OF:
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This statement and the references are submitted prior to the first Office Action on the merits. Pursuant to MPEP §609, a restriction requirement is not an action "on the merits." Therefore, no fee is required. Nevertheless, if the Commissioner determines that any fee is due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 before this paper may be considered, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account 03-2775.

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